



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

October 10, 2018

8:30 a.m.

Committee Members: Anna Shinn, Chair
Carol Hample

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Stacey Brown, Humanities Supervisor
Sarah Pauch, Math, Science, Tech Supervisor

Agenda

1. Curriculum Revisions for October BoE Meeting (attached)
 - a. G&T grades 4-8: K-3 Curriculum have remained the same, Grades 4-8 are brand new and updated with enhanced level of thinking and skills.
 - b. A suggestion was made and accepted to separate Enrichment and G&T into 2 documents. Enrichment was updated to have a clearer definition and opportunities. G&T is now a stand alone curriculum document.
 - c. Financial Literacy: The Curriculum was enhanced to be 1 document that covers grades 6-8. 6th and 7th grades cover 21 century personal finance skills. There was a need to add 8th grade. 8th grade has been expanded and now expands into high school standards of career readiness.
 - d. Both recommended for approval
2. QSAC: updates:
 - a. The Board has to approve the modifications document that were reviewed through the Education/Technology minutes in September of 2018. The committee, again, recommends approval.
 - b. There will be no SOA or compliance documents this year. The state will ask for assurance documents as the year progresses, however the start of the checks and balances for QSAC are being reviewed for an anticipated 2020-2021 full QSAC audit.
3. Aerospace Club:
 - a. As of Oct 18th there are 10 students who are attending the preliminary session, 2 teachers will be chaperoning. This will be for the parents to assess if this is possible for their child and families since it is no longer a once monthly club and is a weekly club. Update to follow in the near future. Dr. Hart did reach out to Solberg and have not heard back yet.
4. PARCC Testing Revisions (attached):
 - a. The PARCC is no longer called PARCC it is now: NJSLA-LA, NJSLA-M, NJSLA-S

- b. There is a reduction in testing times in grades 3-8 and could potentially affect the testing schedule, but more information is needed before formal information is given. Updates on this will be given as they are received.

5. Updates - What's Happening 2018-2019:

- a. Literably pilot:
 - 1. 2-6 grades are working with the program.
 - 2. In grades 4-6 scoring appears to be on target and teachers are happy.
 - 3. In grades 2-3 there is some fluctuation in scores. These are very minimal and involve very few students. The program will continue to be used to help close the inconsistency gaps.
- b. Phonics pilot:
 - 1. Teachers College program included K-1 with a potential for k-2.
 - 2. Initial thoughts are that it is easy to use. It is built to align with our current program and teachers are very happy...3-5 may use another program Vocabulary Exploration, word nerd. more information and updates to come
- c. Math K-5 early adopters:
 - 1. Ready Math, in service was very positive and informative.
 - 2. There some new items the teachers pointed out: Unit 1 in Ready Math is week 1 not day 1. There are very few problems in the new program. Number sense and understanding has become the focus in this program.
 - 3. iReady: This is the adaptive diagnostic program which has 3 assessments a year. It is suggested to have 3 15 min lessons/practice a week. The program analyzes the data and groups students based on needs for mini lessons based on their weaknesses, and lists of materials and specific lessons to help support those students.

6. STEAM Tank Competition at NJ School Boards:

- a. A group of middle school students will be participating in the competition at the NJ School Boards in Atlantic City.
- b. Board approval for the trip is recommended.

7. RVCC Partnership for the Arts:

- a. RVCC currently has dual enrollment with the high school students and is looking to possibly expand to K-8 districts. They are hoping to give college level experiences in the arts. RVCC would be able to provide opportunities at a level that we currently are not able to.
- b. Readington, Clinton and Union School Districts would all be founding members.
- c. Some brainstorming ideas are to allow our students to participate in a concert and maybe participate in a drama production.
- d. This is all at the infancy stages. As this program progresses the committee and the board will be updated.

8. Next Meeting: November 1, 2018 at 8:30am